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BEHEADING

OF

Duke *Hambleton*, the Earl of *Holland*, and the Lord *Capell*,

IN THE

Pallace-Yard

at WESTMINSTER.

On Friday the 9th. of *March*, 1648.

With the substance of their severall

SPEECHES

UPON THE

SCAFFOLD, immediately before they were Beheaded.

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ON Friday *March* 9. 1648. Duke *Hamilton*, (Earl of *Cambridg*) the Earl of *Holland*, and the Lord *Capel*, were beheaded in the Pallace-yard at *Westminster Hall* Gate, in the middle of the Pallace-yard, toward the old Standard, at the end of the Pallace-yard towards the water-side. The maner was thus.

There were a great Guard of Souldiers, both Horse and Foot, and many thousands of people. There were many Scaffolds made about the Pallace-yard, and they were very full, insomuch that divers Scaffolds broke, and some people fell down. The windows and tops of houses were all full.

First, Duke *Hamilton* (the Earl of *Cambridg*) was brought upon the Scaffold. There came along with him, Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, (who had the charge of them all, as well the Lord *Goring*, and Sir *John Owen*, who are reprieved, as these three who are this day beheaded.) Also Dr. *Sibbals* the Minister came upon the Scaffold with him, and a Gentleman of his own retinue with some other Officers, and Gentlemen, but very few were admitted to be there.

Duke *Hamilton* was upon the Scaffold above an hour, before his head was cut off.

Some part of the time was ſpent in a ſpeech to the people, other part of the time was ſpent in ſpeaking to thoſe on the Scaffold; he had much conference with Dr. *Sybbols*. And prayed very humbly (and with a deale of reverence) to God, both with the Miniſter, and with himſelf, ſometimes he prayed aloud, and other times he prayed to himſelf.

Duke *Hamilton* was in a black Suite with a ſilver Starr upon his cloak.

The Headſman came to him, and asked him forgiveneſſe, which he ſaid he did.

Putting on a white Satten-Cap, he fitted himſelf to lye down, imbraced his ſervants, and Dr. *Sybbols*, and took his leave of them, and then he prayed at the Block.

He gave advertiſement to the Executioner, that when he ſpread forth his arms he ſhould do his Office.

A peece of red Silk was ſpread upon the Block, and when he was to die, and alſo to receive his head when it was cut off.

He having put off his Doublet, was in his ſhirt, and prepared himſelf to die; and lying down, prayed a little upon the block, and then ſtretching forth his arm, the Executioner ſtruck off his head at one ſtroke, which was wrapt in the red Silk that was laid down for receiving it; and his Coffin being brought upon the Scaffold, his body and his head was put into the ſaid Coffin, and carryed away.

And a Chirurgion (appointed for the purpoſe) ſewed on the head again to the body, in an houſe in Weſtminſter, to which he was carried in the Coffin.

The ſubſtance of Duke Hamiltons *Speech.*

That he was a Proteſtant by Religion, that he had juſtly deſerved to die, but at this time, in this way, he left it to God.

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that he was sent into England *by the Parliament of* Scotland, *That he had not brought of hurt to the Parliament of* England, *That he had his hopes in heaven, and found peace in his Conscience with God, desired them to pray for him, and prayed the Lord to have mercy upon him, and save his soule, He embraced the Block in his arms, and cryed out, Lord Jesus receive my soul to thy Mercy.*

Next to him, the Lord of *Holland* was brought upon the Scaffold, where were Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, Dr. *Sibbols* and most of those Gentlemen, save (only two or three of the Dukes attendants) that were upon the Scaffold with the Duke.

There came with the Earl of *Holland*, Mr. *Hodges* and Mr. *Knight* two Ministers, a Gentleman of his, and some others, who were upon the Scaffold besides Dr. *Sibbols* Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, and the rest.

The Earl of *Holland* came in a long gown of silk, lined with Fur (that he wore at his Tryal) of a Browniſh colour; he was upon the Scaffold nigh an hour before he was beheaded.

When the Earl of *Holland* was come upon the Scaffold, he first went to that side next the water-side, and shewed himself to the people, but presently turned his face inward to the Scaffold again, and had some discourse with those Gentlemen that were on the Scaffold.

Afterwards he went to the end of the Scaffold against *Westminster*-Hall Gate, and there put off his Hat to the people, and leaning upon the rail, with his Hat off, and in his hand, he made a Speech to them.

He had conference then with the Ministers, and went to the other side of the Scaffold towards the Gate going into Kings-street.

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He had a great deal of conference with Mr. *Knight* the Minister, and all the while carried himselfe very humbly, and with a great deal of devotion and reverence; he took much delight in those things that Mr. *Knight* spake, and heard him a great while with much reverence.

Mr. *Hodges* turned to the other side of the Scaffold and wept, and so also did another Gentleman that did belong to him.

The Earl of *Holland* having put off his Gown and his dublet, he had a white satten waistcoat on, and after that he spent some time in prayer, and prayed at the Block also.

He had on the same white-satten Cap, with silver lace, that he wore at his Tryall.

He took his leave of Lieut. Col. *Beecher*, and the Ministers, and his servants and the rest.

The Executioner having asked and had forgivenesse, and received the signe of spreading out his armes, the Earl of *Holland* lay down upon the block, and then prayed a while, and then giving the sign, the Executioner cut his Head off at one stroke.

His head and body were wrapped in a sheet, and put into a Coffin brought upon the Scaffold for that purpose, and he was carried away, and his head was afterward sewed to his body by a Chirurgion.

The substance of the Earl of Hollands *Speech.*

That he for Religion is a Protestant; for breeding he is of an ancient honorable family, was well bred, though he had not lived so well as his breeding was, that he had been setled in his Resolutions; and as he took the Covenant at first for King and Parliament, as the Parliament hath declared, so he had loved, and so long as the judgement concurred with the Parliament therein, he stayed with them; and what was the reason he left the Parlia-

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ment to go to the King? why he came back to the Parliament; and that afterward he rose for the peace of the King and Parliament, and to settle the Peace of the Kingdom; He much applauded the King: And said, that as for his own part, he saw no blood shed by the Forces that he commanded: He died patiently, and prayed to God to receive his Soul.

Last of all the Lord *Capel* was brought upon the Scaffold; he had no Minister at all with him, nor had he any shew of sense of death approaching.

He was in a sad coloured Suit and Cloak, and white Gloves, without his Perrewig, and came with his Hat cock'd, and his Cloak thrown under his arm, out-facing death with a great deal of carelessnesse, as one notably resolved.

When he came first upon the Stage, he looked towards the people, put off his Hat, as at a salute, and then cock'd it, and strutted about the Scaffold in a careless posture.

He had a little discourse with the Gentlemen upon the Scaffold, where he stayed very little between the time he went upon it, and the cutting off of his head, in all a little above a quarter of an hour.

He went to the rail of the Scaffold on that end towards *Westminster*-Hall Gate, and made a Speech, leaning over to the People; which Speech took up most part of the time he was upon the Scaffold: He put off his Hat during the time that he spake, and his Speech was made with much earnestnes, as if a Minister had been in a Pulpit, rather then like a man dying. After that Speech he said little; some small discourse he had with the Gentlemen upon the Scaffold, and the Ceremonies about the Executioner, in all which he was very short.

He then took off his Cloak, and laid it upon the rail to-

towards the water-ſide, and his man took off a linnen cap and gave him, which he put on, delivering away his Hat, and then he put off his Dublet, and was in his Shirt.

Then keeling down before the Block, he lifted up his hands and eyes towards heaven a very little while, and then lay down, but his ſhirt-coller being too high, he roſe up again and had it helped, (for though he was tall, yet he had but a ſhort neck.)

He prayed a while lying on the Block (to himſelf) lifting up his right hand from the boards of the Scaffold, and then ſtretching forth his arm, the Executioner cut off his head.

A Coffin and a ſheet being ready, his Corps was carried away, and his head after ſewed on.

He found fault with the putting him to death; appealed to the people, ſaid he died for his affection to his King, applauded the late King to be the moſt Religious of all the Princes in the world; And ſaid, that he had free quarter given to him for mercy, but muſt now die; and prayed the people to pray for him. He applauded Prince Charles, *and the reſt of the Kings Children, deſired they might be Kings; and ſaid, the Kings Children were all born to the Crown. He often prayed the people to pray for them, and asked them whether they would pray for him, and again ſaid, I pray you, good people, pray for me.*

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